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Filed: February 26, 2004  
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Title: OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE AND OPTICAL INFORMATION DEVICE  
USING THE SAME, COMPUTER, OPTICAL DISK PLAYER, CAR  
NAVIGATION SYSTEM, OPTICAL DISK RECORDER, AND  
OPTICAL DISK SERVER

Examiner: Unknown  
Group Art: 2655  
Docket: 10873.1406US01

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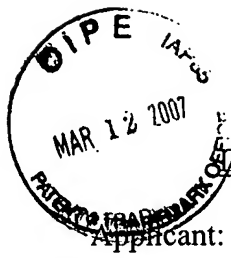
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. A copy of the Japanese Office Action from the corresponding application, mailed February 22, 2007, is enclosed herewith.

Please note that the Japanese publication JP2001-209966 was previously cited and that the corresponding English publication was previously cited for Japanese publication JP2000-81566, therefore these references are not cited herein.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the Filing Date, before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; or
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- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, OR
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- ☐ If this box is checked, Applicant provides the following:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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- ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of the corresponding English language publications of some non-English language documents or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 2000-260056 corresponds to US 6,760,295

JP 2001-60336 corresponds to US 6,834,036

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached

Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>FORM 1449</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 10873.1406US01	Application Number: 10/789,309
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 6,760,295	07/2004	Maruyama			
	US 6,834,036	12/2004	Shiono et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2000-260056	09/2000	Japan			Abstract / See IDS	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Japanese Office Action for the co-pending JP 2003-139347, mailed February 22, 2007.

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